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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Klosterneuburg and Vienna

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REMARKS _____

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1. The Pioneer Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) was again occupied by Soviet troops on 10 October 1951. Billeting equipment was unloaded from trucks _____ in the barracks yard. Truck _____ was parked in front of the installation and, later, seen leaving toward Vienna occupied by six officers who wore tank insignia. Coal was unloaded from trucks _____ in front of the house at 38 Leopoldstrasse, opposite the Pioneer Kaserne. The former Pioneerzeugamt was also reoccupied. However, no tanks or fresh imprints of caterpillar tracks were noticed. Trucks _____ were being cleaned at the quarters. More motor vehicles were standing in the garages. Motor vehicles communicating between the Pioneer Kaserne and the Pioneerzeugamt included tank truck _____ small truck _____ and trucks _____ all driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Tank trucks _____ were parked at the fuel dump of the unit in the Pioneerzeugamt. No troops were seen practicing at the drill grounds. * No changes were noticed with the different naval quarters in Klosterneuburg.

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2. Prior to 12 October, no changes were observed in the occupation of the barracks installation in Kagran (P 49/X 49). Some of the empty buildings were being repaired. Nine Shchuka tanks stood in a shed. Two more Shchuka tanks, _____ were seen near the fuel dump. Fifteen tank trucks _____

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_____ were parked at the dump. Eight AA guns of about 80-mm with muzzle brakes and six AA guns with protective shield and funnel-shaped muzzle were observed in the section of the barracks installation assigned to an AA artillery unit. Twenty-four motor vehicles were observed. _____ About 100 troops received instruction on 2 x 80-mm AA guns and 4 medium AA guns.

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3. On 11 October, the Albrecht Kaserne in Vienna quartered troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with motor transport insignia. In addition, there were several soldiers who wore tank and artillery insignia. _____ the installation served as quarters, clothing and supply depot. As far as could be seen from the street, motor vehicles were parked only in a special part of the barracks yard.

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Tank trucks _____

_____ were parked in front of the barracks installation.

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Most of the troops quartered in the Wilhelm Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. About 50 soldiers were engaged in the construction of shed roofs along the barracks wall. Others repaired motor vehicles. Motor vehicles identified at the installation included trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] tank truck [redacted] and jeep [redacted] Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen driving toward [redacted] interha-

men, loaded with empty gasoline barrels [redacted] around the two barracks installations [redacted] and motor vehicle sheds constructed. About 100 motor vehicles, of which about 50 were tank trucks, were estimated to be sheltered in both installations. **

4. Truck [redacted] carrying billeting equipment, driven by a soldier with black-bordered blue epaulets, was seen in Vienna on 11 October, en route toward Reichsbrücke. Van-like truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was seen in Vienna on 12 October. ***

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5. The Albrecht Kaserne in Kornenburg (P 42/S 30) quartered troops with red-bordered black epaulets on 12 October. Four AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzles stood in the barracks yard. Numerous officers, including two lieutenant colonels, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia, entered and left the installation. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified. Sedans [redacted] and jeep [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, and sedan [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, were identified at the newly constructed parking lot near the office at 7-9 Novengasse. About 30 officers, including a colonel, were seen entering or leaving the office during a one and a half hour period. Eleven trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] stood in the garage at 8-10 Novengasse. Various items of signal equipment lay around in the garage yard. A radio truck with red antenna was seen. Eight AA guns of about 80-mm with muzzle brakes, 16 AA guns with funnel-shaped muzzle brakes, and 6 AA machine guns were seen in the cantonment along the road to Bisamberg. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at driving practice in Kornenburg.

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- * Comment. It is believed that the 46th Gds Mecz Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div which left Klosterneuburg for Doellersheim about 20 June 1951, probably returned to Klosterneuburg about 10 October 1951.

- ** Comment. The information on the occupation in the Albrecht Kaserne and the Wilhelm Kaserne indicates no changes over information of late September 1951. [redacted] According to the present report it is possible that the Albrecht Kaserne also houses a supply depot of the division. [redacted]

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